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Lokayukta probe into MUDA 50:50 site scam

Ex-Minister B.N. Bachegowda questioned in Bengaluru home

He had written a note to his Principal Secretary regarding land on Survey No. 464 in Kesare, Mysuru

Mysuru, Oct. 24 (BLU&BCT)- The high-profile Mysuru Lokayukta Police investigation into the massive Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) 50:50 alternative site allotment scam, involving the alleged illegal allocation of 14 sites to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife, B.M. Parvathi, has extended beyond Mysuru to the State capital, Bengaluru.

Yesterday, a team led by Lokayukta Superintendent of Police (SP) T.J. Udesh interrogated former Urban Development Minister B.N. Bachegowda, who held the position during the Congress Government. Bachegowda later switched to the BJP and served as MP of Chikkaballapur from 2019 to 2024.

B.N. Bachegowda
Former Minister

T.J. Udesh
Lokayukta SP

Due to his advanced age, Bachegowda, now over 80, was questioned at his residence in Bengaluru about his role as Urban Development Minister during the controversial site allotments and land denotification.

His son, Sharath Kumar Bachegowda, a Congress MLA from Hosakote, confirmed to *Star of Mysore* this morning that a Lokayukta team had visited their home to question his father.

Following Bachegowda's questioning, the Lokayukta team also visited the residence of former Principal Secretary of the Urban Development Department, Subramanya Rao, for interrogation. Rao, who is also over 80 years old, held the position during Bachegowda's tenure as Minister.

(See EX-MINISTER on page 7)

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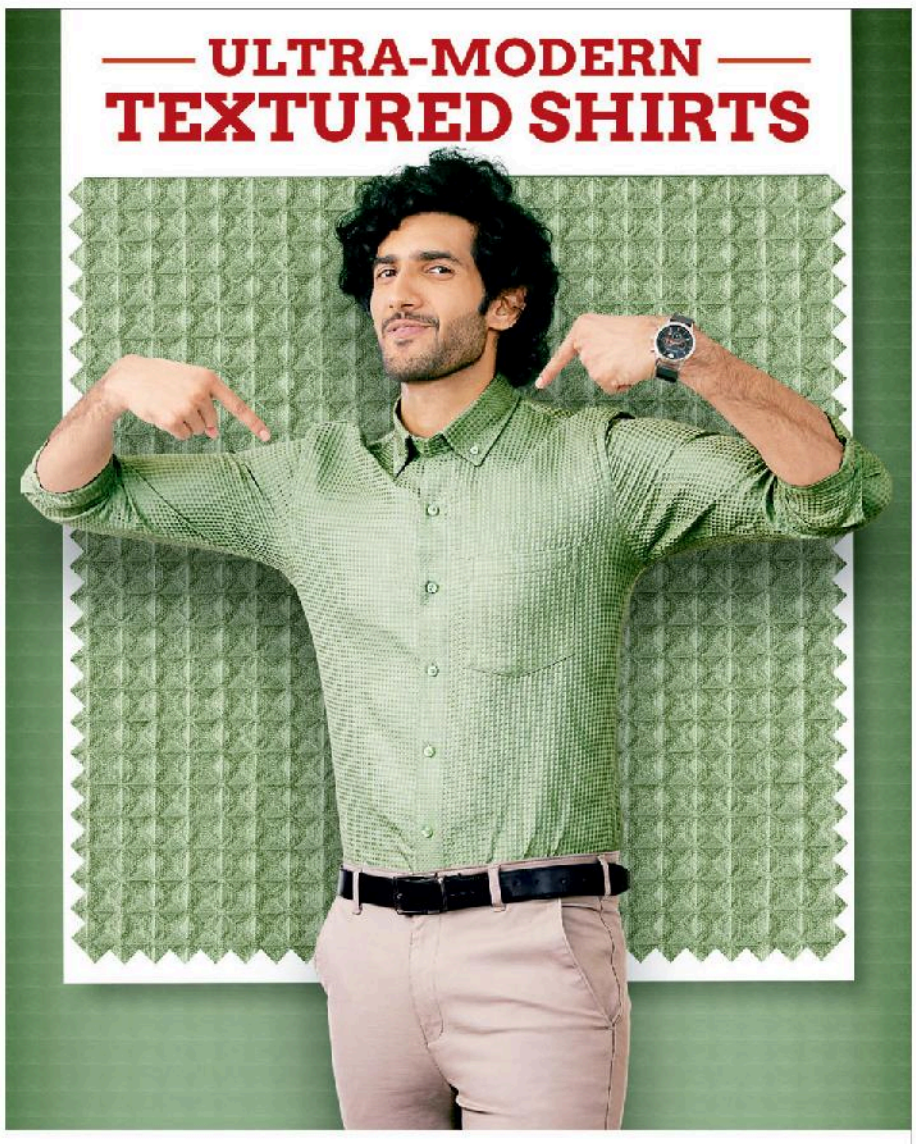

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 24th October 2024

CCQC-2024: Prize winners

The employees of Mysore Wifiltronics Pvt. Ltd., have won 21 prizes in various contests held as part of CCQC-2024, the VIII Annual Chapter Convention on Quality Concepts, organised by Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI), Mysuru Chapter, at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, on Oct.20. While three were team prizes for Process, Electrical and Tooling Improvements, 18 individual prizes were won in Essay Writing, Poem Writing, Poster Creation and Slogan Writing based on the theme "Investing in People, Building A Better Future." Seen are the prize winners *(kneeling from left)* ***Chandrakumari, Hemavathi, Suma, Pallavi, A. Sudha and G. Hema;*** *(middle row)* ***Sudha, Shwetha, Pushpa, Spoorthi and R. Poornima;*** *(back row)* ***Bhavya, Deepa, M.K. Rekha, Anu, Rangaswamy, D. Sumanth, A. Vyas, Nikhil, Dharmaiah and V. Sumanth.***

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

LET US GO 'KIDULTING': ***Should we even as we are becoming old give up the child in us? George Bernard Shaw it is who said that youth is the most beautiful thing in the world — and what a pity it has to be wasted on children! So, can we be child-like as adults without being childish? Be playful, have a sense of humour, learn to laugh at ourselves even as we are becoming infirm? Once you do that you hear the creaking of the bones lesser, you feel the aching of the legs lesser, you have lesser need of antacids.***

And if you are becoming dour and sour with age then perhaps you should look out for kidulting zones, the fad sweeping across many parts of the world. Kidulting refers to adults indulging in kid's activities. Specialised stores now provide 'kiddish' activities for adults including 'diving into a sea of marshmallows, writing on the walls' — bland, fun, and harmless, resulting it is said, in a rush of Dopamine, the feel-good neurotransmitter. These are said to be places for the 'inner child' which we suppress because we believe that we need act grown up. As *The Economist* ***has pointed out negative emotions including stress, sadness and anger, have reached record highs. When the world feels bleak, the appeal of distraction is stronger. Again as observed by the magazine,*** *Dopamine Land,* ***an outlet in London asks nothing of its visitors. There is no information to take in, no rules to follow, no goals to achieve. It is amusing and vapid and brainless. That is what makes it such fun and childish.***

How ironic it is that stores should be providing a service which we should never ever have the need for. Why should we be burdened so much with life that we forget the child in us? Why should we become so 'grown up' that we forget to relax, enjoy and take life as it flows? Which would mean retaining your curiosity, learning new things, exploring new worlds, never being judgemental, accepting people, forgiving and forgetting slights, real and often imaginary, retaining one's enthusiasm and zest, playing games — be it board games like ludo or monopoly or marbles or better still physical games like , catch-catch or that delightful game of eyes-spy, where you are supposed to shut your eyes, but nobody ever does, while the others hide. All this will also mean that we do not have time to gossip about our friends, neighbours, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law; activities which no doubt gives a lot of satisfaction, but which help no one. So come one, come all, let us create our own kidulting zones and feel younger! *— Najib Shah in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman stuck in desert orders camel via Uber!

Dubai: A video circulating on a social media platform shows two women stuck in a desert in Dubai, desperately seeking rescue. After their vehicle broke down, the duo found themselves lost in the vast, arid landscape. In a bizarre twist, one of them opened her Uber app, only to find an unexpected ride option: a camel.

After booking the unusual transport, they were stunned when a man arrived with a camel, introducing himself as an "Uber Camel driver." One of the women hopped on, seemingly thrilled by the unconventional ride. As the camel approached, her friend exclaimed in astonishment, "We actually got lost and ordered a camel!"

The woman who ordered the camel asked the man, "What do you do for a living?" and he replied, "I drive Uber Camel. I help people who get lost." The driver explained that he specialises in assisting stranded travellers in the desert.

Fake Court busted; conman as Judge arrested

Ahmedabad: Police have uncovered a nefarious scheme orchestrated by a man masquerading as a Judge in his own fake tribunal and passing 'judgements' since 2019 especially in land deals in Gandhinagar area.

Morris Samuel Christian, since arrested, is accused of orchestrating a deception that fooled many into believing they were in a legitimate Court.

The elaborate charade involved Morris's associates posing as court personnel, creating a facade of authenticity to dupe his clients.

The bogus tribunal, reminiscent of a real courtroom, worked undetected for years, with its roots tracing back to as early as 2019.

By assuming the role of a judge, Morris exploited the vulnerable, manipulating the course of justice for personal gain.

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Two-day CPI(M) meet in city from Oct. 26

Mysuru, Oct. 24 (GA&DM)- The two-day 24th District Convention of CPI (M) will be held at Pandit Narayanacharya Kalyana Mantapa in Subbarayanakere grounds in city on Oct. 26 and 27.

Addressing a press meet here on Tuesday, party leader L. Jagannath said, ahead of the convention, a marathon procession of workers will be taken out from Gun House Circle in the heart of the city to Freedom Fighters Park in Subbarayanakere at 10.30 am on Oct. 26.

Subsequently, a public meeting will be held at 11.30 am, which shall be addressed by the party MP from Kerala Shivadasan.

District Secretary Jagadish Surya will preside, while other office-bearers U. Basavaraj and H.S. Sunanda will be the chief guests, Jagannath said adding that more than 200 delegates are expected to take part.

The two-day Convention will discuss Government policies, Labour policies, Farm policies and general issues.

Party leaders G. Jayaram, Mehboob, Subramanya and K. Basavaraju were present at the press meet.

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VOICE OF THE READER

A simple strategy to curb traffic violations

Sir,

In recent times, traffic violations of various kinds have reached a peak, making it difficult for law-abiding citizens to travel on the roads.

Some common violations include riding without helmets by both rider and pillion, using mobile phones while driving, triple or quadruple riding, jumping traffic signals without restraint, driving on the wrong side and in no-entry zones at reckless speeds, drunk driving, overtaking from the left, and more. This menace can be curbed through the following measures:

1. Imposing heavy fines on traffic violators in line with the penalties set by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (Government of India).

2. Establishing a Traffic Violations Monitoring Cell (TVMC) equipped with advanced infrastructure, including PCs, laptops, and servers, by the Police Department in every district of Karnataka. TVMC should collaborate with the relevant RTOs to share vehicle databases.

3. The TVMC should employ personnel with the necessary qualifications and computer skills, hired either on a contract or regular basis.

4. Hiring physically capable personnel on contract or piecework, equipped with HD button cameras or mobile devices. These devices must feature tamper-proof software to ensure the integrity of videos/photos. The authority to alter footage should only lie with officials of SP rank or higher.

5. Deploying personnel in special uniforms to patrol the roads and capture traffic violations on video or photo. Any attempt to assault these personnel should be treated seriously and prosecuted under relevant laws. Insurance must be provided to ensure compensation in the event of injury or loss of life.

6. Developing software that automatically uploads captured videos / photos to the TVMC servers.

7. TVMC personnel should immediately notify traffic offenders via WhatsApp or email, specifying the fine amount and due date. For those without access to these platforms, notices should be sent by mail.

Failure to pay fines within the due date should result in doubled or tripled penalties until a final deadline. If payment is still not made, the Police should seize the vehicle, which can be traced using advanced TVMC software.

If these suggestions are implemented effectively, traffic violations could be reduced by 75-80 percent within 5-10 years, similar to the situation in the USA.

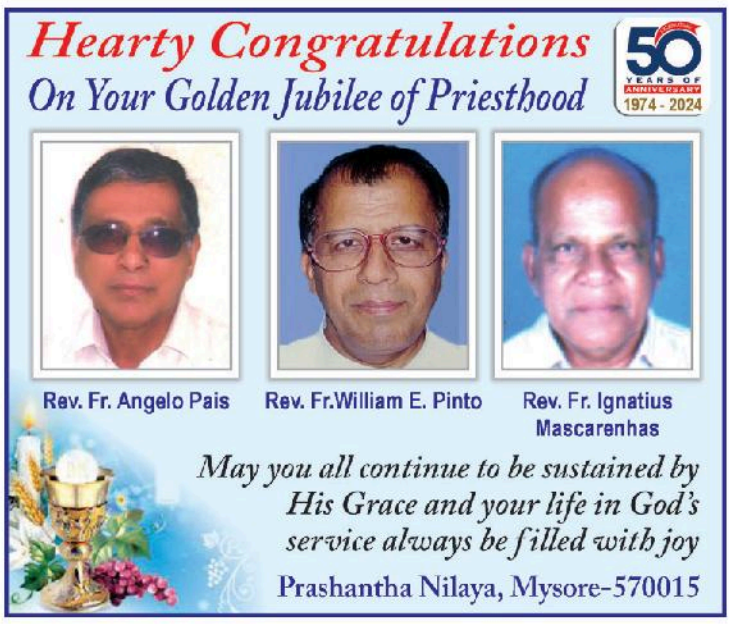
However, the real question is whether the Government or Police Department will truly adopt these measures. It's doubtful, as enforcing these rules could reduce the illicit flow of money into both Government coffers and Police pockets, as more people would comply with traffic regulations.

The world rests on hope, as do the innocent citizens. Only time will reveal the outcome of these suggestions. These recommendations are based on over 46 years of driving experience and 40 years of dedicated service in a Central Government organisation.

—N. Suresh Prasad
Naidunagar
5.10.2024

Yoga Camp at JSS Ayurveda Hospital

Mysuru, Oct. 24- JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Alanahalli, Mysuru, has organised acupuncture and yoga camp for those suffering from back pain, neck pain, low back pain, sciatica and numbness in legs from Oct. 24 to 30 at its premises in city. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548231 or Mob: 96320-00697, according to a press release.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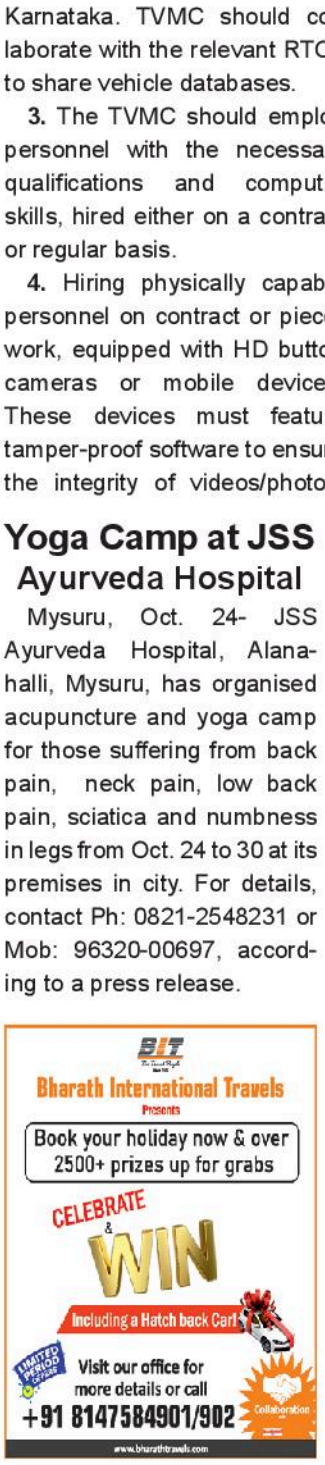

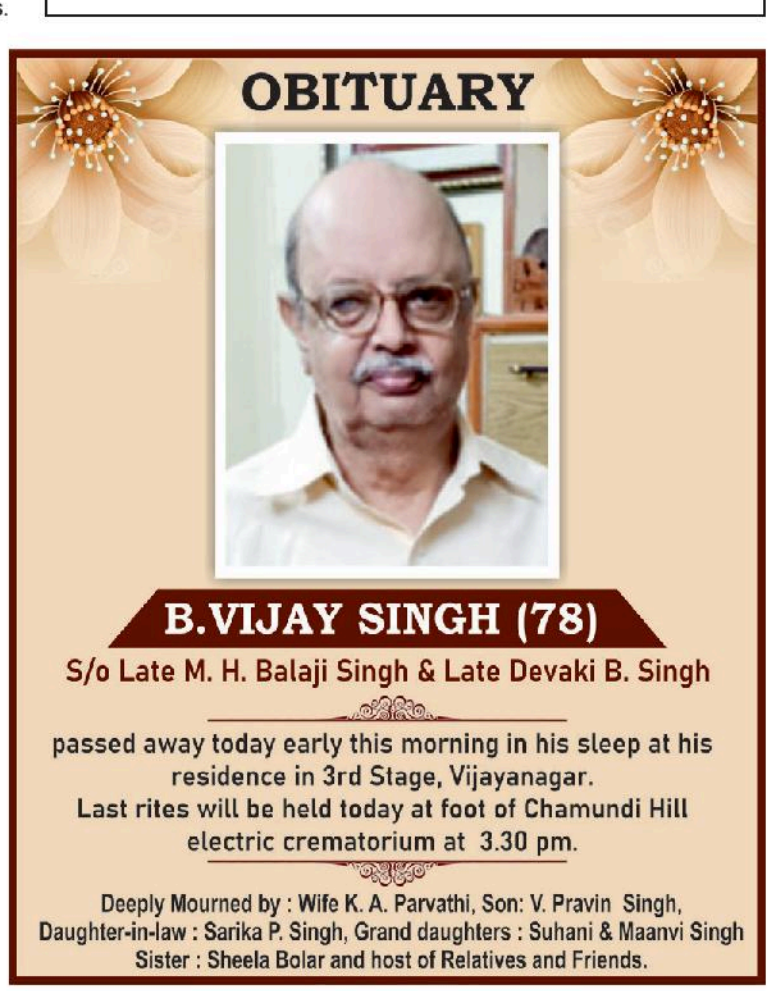
OBITUARY
B.VIJAY SINGH (78)
S/o Late M. H. Balaji Singh & Late Devaki B. Singh
passed away today early this morning in his sleep at his residence in 3rd Stage, Vijayanagar.
Last rites will be held today at foot of Chamundi Hill electric crematorium at 3.30 pm.
Deeply Mourned by : Wife K. A. Parvathi, Son: V. Pravin Singh, Daughter-in-law : Sarika P. Singh, Grand daughters : Suhani & Maanvi Singh
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NEWS BRIEFS

Cultural programme

As part of its Monthly Cultural Programme, Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust has organised a Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vidushi Anagha Bharadwaj at Sri Rama Mandira in Srirampet, at 6.30 pm on Oct. 26. She will be accompanied by Vidwan Yashaswi on violin and Vidwan Dr. Prahalad on mridanga.

Art of Living

Sri Ravishankar Guruji's Art of Living has organised 'Naadi Pariksha' (Pulse Diagnosis) Camp on Oct. 27 at Art of Living Ashram on Lalithadripura Road, Mysuru. For details, contact Mob: 98861-86580.

Power disruption

Following link line works taken up at 11 KVNJY Yachegowdanahalli and 11 KV Yadehalli Lift Irrigation route in Hootagalli Sub-Division limits, there will be no power on Oct. 25, 27, 29, 31, Nov. 2 and 6 from 10 am to 5 pm at Gungral Chatra, Yadahalli, Yachegowdana -halli, Hosakote, Daddakallahalli, Chatradakoppal, Ramenahalli, Kallur Naganahalli, Kallur, Meenakshipura and surrounding places, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, V.V. Mohalla Division. Three phase power supply to pumpsets in the above mentioned places will be provided from 10 pm to 10 am on the above said dates.

Story-telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-851,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by Anitha Ashok, Akashavani artist and writer, at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, in city on Oct. 26 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115.

Unidentified man dies in hospital

Mysuru, Oct. 24 (KS)- An unidentified man, aged between 30 and 35 years breathed his last at K.R. Hospital in city on Oct. 21. The body has been shifted to MMC&RI mortuary.

The deceased is 5.7 ft. tall, thin built, oval faced, oily red complexioned, sports beard and moustache, has the names 'Loki and Madesha' tattooed on his right arm, 'Star, Deepu' and a picture of a bull tattooed on his right forearm. He is wearing a light blue coloured pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Nazarbad Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418308 or call the Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

'Follow Basavanna's principles, no need for Police or Courts'

Andhra Governor lauds Suttur Mutt for its service

Andhra Pradesh Governor Justice S. Abdul Nazir flanked by KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa and Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, seen after inaugurating the new Post-Graduate Student Hostel building in JSS Hospital premises on M.G. Road in city yesterday. JSS-AHER Vice-Chancellor Dr. Surinder Singh, JSS Medical College teaching staff and others were present.

Mysuru, Oct. 24 (SPN&DM)- Andhra Pradesh Governor Justice S. Abdul Nazir, also a former Supreme Court Judge, said that there will be no need for Police Stations and Courts in the society if everyone adopts Basavanna's Philosophy of 'Kaayakave Kailasa' (Work is Worship).

He was speaking after inaugurating the new building of Post-Graduate Student Hostel of JSS Medical College in JSS Hospital premises on M.G. Road here yesterday.

Regretting that everyone wants to acquire more and more wealth, Justice (Rtd.) Abdul Nazir observed that following Basavanna's *Kaayakave Kailasa* will help in curbing greed and ill thoughts.

Pointing out that students can achieve success only if they pursue their dreams of doing something big, Nazir said that big thoughts are needed for big achievements. "It is our thoughts that shape our future. There should be firmness in our thoughts and objectives. If not, the results will be negative," he said while regretting that the ignorance in our society has led to societal evils and the only solution for these evils seems to be acquisition of knowledge, he added.

Stating that Suttur Mutt has made enormous contributions for the transformation of the society, Nazir said it cannot be said where the society would have been today had not for religious places and Mutts. Mutts have been the leading light of the society, he added.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa said that many of Justice Abdul Nazir's judgements as an SC Judge have been a model to the country. His judgements made the country stand united on many occasions, he added.

Lauding Suttur Mutt for its yeoman service to the society, the MLA said that Mutts have been playing a key role in guiding the youth in the right direction. The day seems to be more special as the programme is taking place on the same day as Kittur Rani Chennamma Jayanti, he said and appealed JSS Institutions to set up a gobar gas (biogas) plant using tonnes of cow dung that is available.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, who graced the occasion, said that Abdul Nazir is a living example on how having big dreams will help one in achieving big. Pointing out that Justice Nazir is a native of Mudabidri in Dakshina Kannada district, the Seer said it is something special that Nazir was selected directly as a Supreme Court Judge while serving in the Karnataka High Court. "Nazir was a talented and efficient Judge, who gave rulings without any prejudice or in a partisan manner," he added.

JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS-AHER) Vice-Chancellor Dr. Surinder Singh, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary S.P. Manjunath, S. Shivakumaraswamy, Director R. Mahesh, Registrar Dr. B. Manjunath, JSS Medical college Principal Dr. Basavana Gowdappa, Medical Superintendent Dr. C.P. Madhu, Controller of Examinations Dr. R. Sudhindra Bhat and others were present.

Retired cops seek Police patrolling to curb crimes in Police Layout

Mysuru, Oct. 24 (BLU&KS)- Retired Police personnel, residing in Police Layout at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar in city are apprehensive over living in unsecured environs. They have submitted a memorandum to the City Police Commissioner seeking action to check criminal activities in the locality.

The residents have complained that house burglaries, chain snatchings and oth er crimes have become common in Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar and adjacent JSS Nagar Layout besides frequent accidents reported on the 80 ft. road.

They have urged the city Top Cop to implement Police patrolling in both the areas during night times and install speed humps to prevent accidents.

Retired Police personnel Devappaji, B. Doreswamy, Guruswamy, BJP Yuva Morcha General Secretary D. Lohit, Puttananjappa, Mallikarjuna, Neelappa, Mallanna and others were present.

Kuvempunagar Police arrest chain snatcher

Two gold chains worth Rs. 2.80 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Oct. 24 (PM&KS)- Kuvempunagar Police have arrested a youth who had robbed a woman of her gold chain. Two gold chains weighing 40 grams worth Rs. 2.80 lakh have been recovered from him, besides seizing the scooter used for the crime.

The accused is identified as 27-year-old Vinay Kumar, a resident of Gundlupet town in Chamarajanagar district.

He was nabbed within 24 hours of registering the complaint.

On Oct. 18 at about 4.30 pm, Vinay, riding two-wheeler had snatched a gold chain weighing 30 grams worth Rs. 2 lakh from a woman, identified as Kamala, on the cross road in Maduvana Layout before speeding away, it is said.

Kamala had lodged a complaint at Kuvempunagar Police Station here.

Kuvempunagr Police, who had registered a case, collected footages of CCTV cameras installed in the vicinity of the crime spot and succeeded in tracking the details of the accused and the scooter he had used to commit the crime.

The investigators finally traced Vinay, arrested him and seized the scooter worth Rs. 70,000 besides recovering two gold chains weighing 40 grams worth Rs. 2.80 lakh from him.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi and KR Sub-Division ACP H.B. Ramesh, guided Kuvempunagar Inspector L. Arun, Sub-Ins pector Gopal, Crime Division staff V. Anand, K.T. Manjunath, Maheshwar, H.V. Manju, Nagesh, Yashwanth, Hazarath and Suresh in the nabbing and recovery operation.

JSS Phone-in programme

Bhavani

Mysuru, Oct. 24- JSS Community Radio Station (JSS Radio 91.2 FM), Mysuru, in association with District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) and Aluru Venkatarao Language Skills Training Centre has organised a Phone-in programme tomorrow (Oct. 25)at 11.30 am.

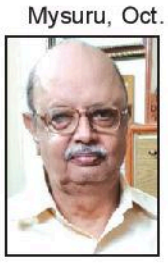
Kendra Sahitya Academy awardee late Dr. D.V. Gundappa (DVG) and his works will be discussed during the Phone-in programme.

Noted writer Bhavani Lokesh, who is serving as the Administrator at Morarji Desai Residential School at Gejjalagere in Maddur taluk will take part in the Phone-in programme.

Interested members of the public can take part by calling Ph: 0821-2546563 or Mob: 82967-25912, according to a press release.

Obituary

B. Vijay Singh



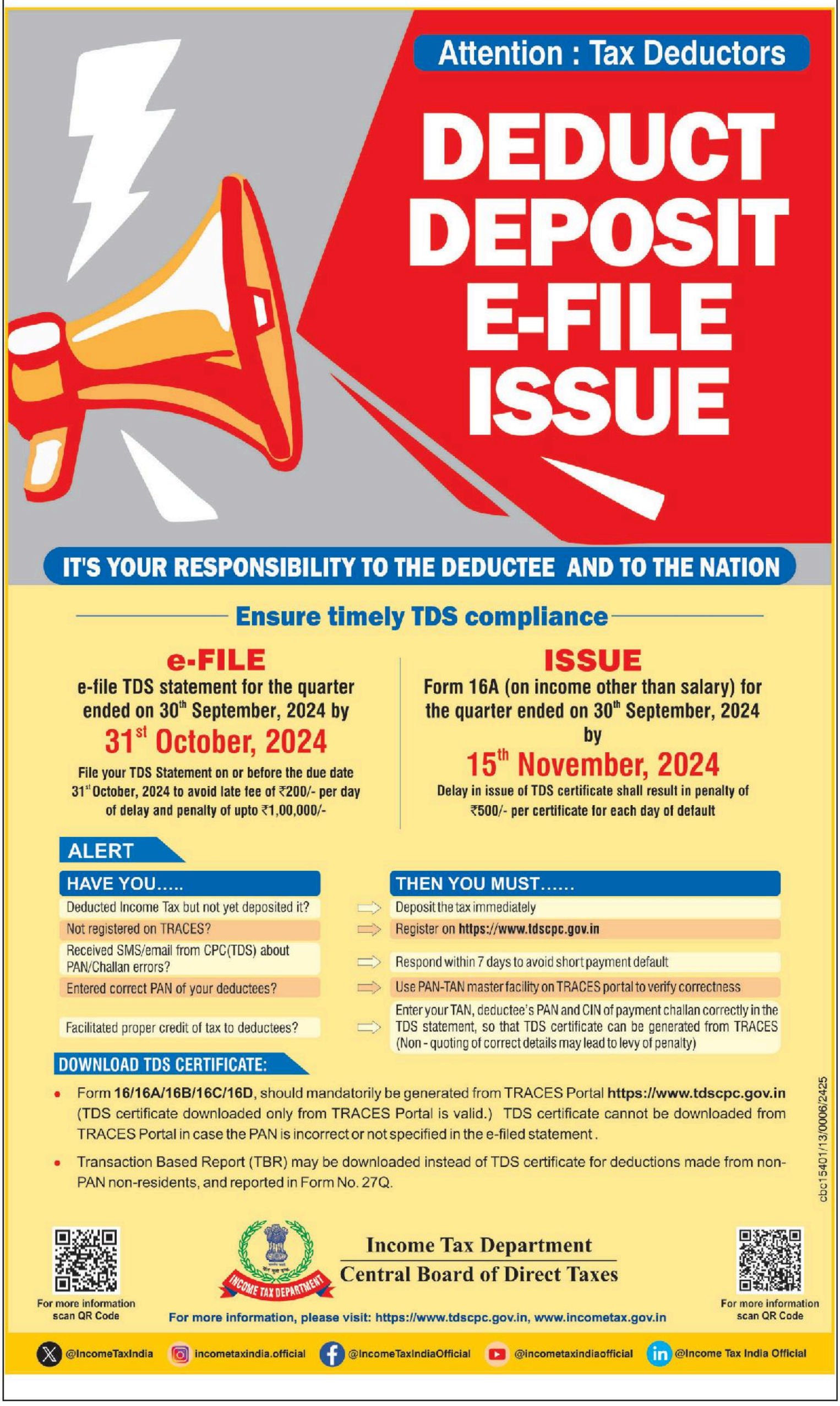
Mysuru, Oct. 24 - B. Vijay Singh (78), son of late M.H. Balaji Singh and late Devaki B. Singh and a resident of Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, passed away this morning in city. He leaves behind his wife K.A. Parvathi, son V. Pravin Singh, daughter-in-law Sarika P. Singh, grand daughters Suhani and Maanvi Singh, sister Sheela Bolar and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

S. Venkataramaiah

S. Venkataramaiah (92), a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife S.B. Nagarathna, son N.V. Muralidhar, daughters N.V. Padmaja, N.V. Sumana and N.V. Anupama and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Vijayanagar 2nd Stage Burial Grounds this afternoon, according to family sources.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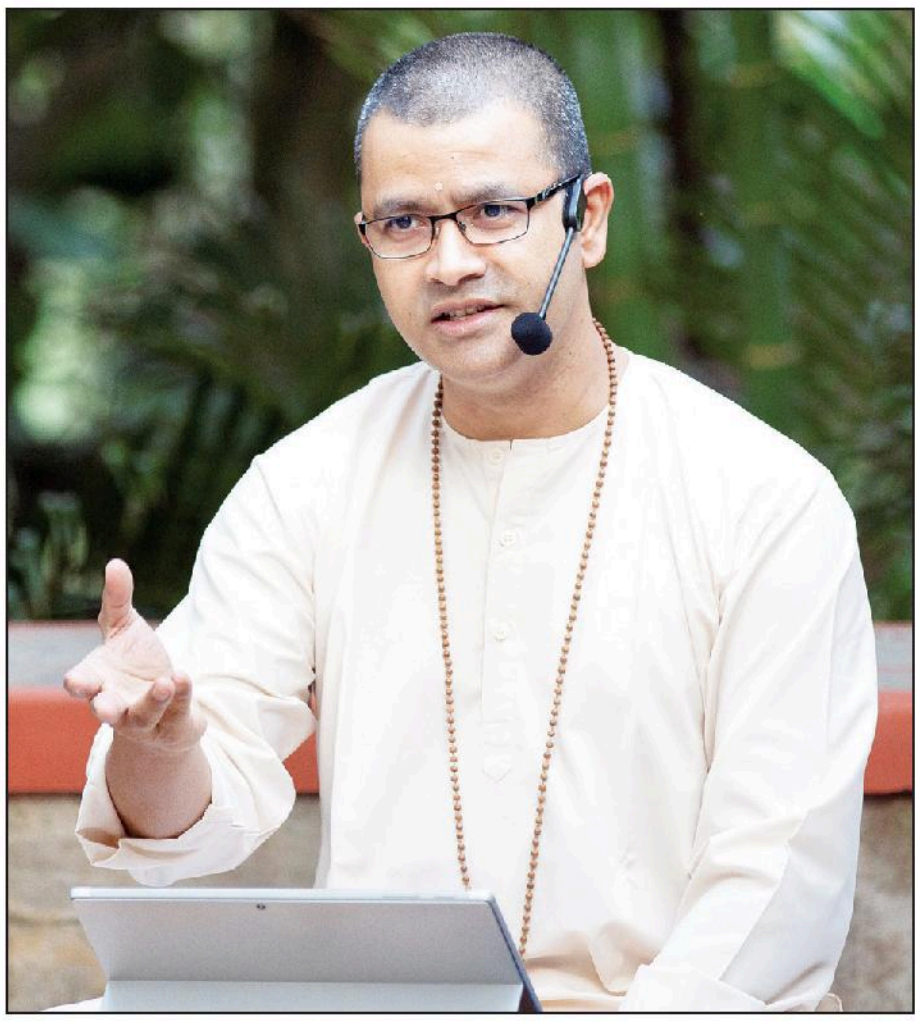
'Current education is promoting intelligence, NOT intellect'

Shri Eswaran of Vedanta Institute to deliver Bhagavad Gita discourse at BVB, Mysuru Kendra, on Oct. 26 and 27

Renowned philosopher and disciple of Swami A. Parthasarathy, Founder-Acharya of Vedanta Institute, Bengaluru, Shri Eswaran will be in Mysuru to deliver a special discourse in English on 'Essence of The Bhagavad Gita' at Prof. Y.T. Thathachari Auditorium of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra, on Oct. 26 and 27 from 6.45 pm to 7.45 pm. Ahead of the event, *Star of Mysore (SOM)* had an insightful conversation with Shri Eswaran about his philosophical journey and his thoughts on the timeless relevance of Vedanta for modern life. — Ed



Shri Eswaran, Vedanta Philosopher

Star of Mysore (SOM): What is Vedanta?

Shri Eswaran: Vedanta is a compound word *Veda* + *Anta*. *Veda* - knowledge, *anta* - end. So, Vedanta literally means the end of knowledge. It presents the eternal principles of life and living. It enables a life of mental peace combined with dynamic action in the world. It equips one with clarity of intellect to deal with the challenges of life. Above all, it leads one to the ultimate goal of Self-Realisation.

SOM: What is the relevance of Vedanta in our life?

Shri Eswaran: Beyond the challenges of mere survival, a human being faces a range of other issues. Great thinkers universally ponder the foundations of our choices. Change is the essence of existence, and with it comes uncertainty — something the mind naturally fears.

Knowledge of Vedanta helps one to grasp the workings of their mind and intellect, for they shape our decisions. Not only will one rise above the worldly challenges, but one will also cultivate a healthy body, be dynamic in action, have a stress-free mind, a keen intellect, and harmonious relationships.

SOM: What led you to choose the study of Vedanta?

Shri Eswaran: I have been asked this question since the very beginning. In fact, even my father wanted me to pursue Chartered Accountancy (CA), and I often wondered why no one questions careers like CA, Medicine or Law in the same way. At the time, my answer was simply, "I don't know."

Much later I read a book titled *'The Idea of a University'* by John Henry Newman. There he distinguishes between two types of education: "liberal" and "servile." Liberal education, he explains, is education pursued without an utilitarian purpose, as all knowledge will eventually find its usefulness. The process of learning itself, he argues, must remain liberal — pursued for its own sake without any utility tag attached. However, today, knowledge is sought primarily for its utility. A mind fixated on utility is often closed to true inquiry and investigation.

SOM: What is the purpose of life according to you?

Shri Eswaran: The purpose of life is to live a life of satisfaction, independent of external situations. I am not suggesting that you adopt this as your personal purpose, but rather pointing out that this is what every human being is universally seeking. Understand that wealth, power, position, status or even family are not essential for experiencing true security, peace and happiness.

SOM: Having visited numerous educational institutions to teach, what are your observations about today's young generation?

Shri Eswaran: The real need in education today is to cultivate adaptability — the ability to unlearn and relearn — which is crucial for the younger generation. This can only be achieved by strengthening the *intellect*, not merely by acquiring *intelligence*. Intellect serves two key functions: it helps us acquire knowledge and, more importantly, it governs and guides the senses and mind.

Unfortunately, today's youth seem content with just gaining skills to earn a living, often becoming completely absorbed in themselves. What they need to realise is that earning a living is very different from living a meaningful life. Current education is promoting intelligence, but not intellect. This is a major cause of many modern problems.

SOM: We see a sharp increase in disharmony and divorce. What is your advice for maintaining an amicable relationship?

Shri Eswaran: Essentially, one must understand it is not the person to whom you relate that brings happiness, it is how you relate. The basis for any relationship should be love, not attachment. Attachment is nothing but an expectation of happiness, peace, and security through bondage, and dependency. One's mind demands more attention to oneself than anybody else; that others should be available at one's beck and call. We should learn the art of relating without suffocating the other or binding the other, nor becoming dependent on the other. At the same time not being indifferent. This is Love. Normally one is expressing attachment but calls that love. Let gratitude be the foundation of all your relationships.

SOM: Are you married?

Shri Eswaran: Yes. I have a daughter too. I believe everything happens according to a plan of life. And marriage is a part of the plan. That's something my Guru explained, as he knew I was interested in the Vedanta way of life. He told me that marriage would not be a hindrance. In fact, he said marriage is the first step to practice *Bhakti Yoga*, you just have to accommodate one more person in your life that would help you to learn values and implement them in life. —**OSR**

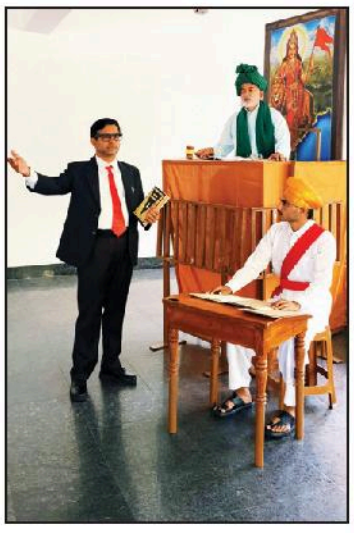
Release of book 'Satyavanne Heluththene' tomorrow

Staging of play from Oct. 28 to Oct. 31

Mysuru, Oct. 24 (BS)- A book of a play titled *'Satyavanne Heluththene'* with a tagline *Charitreya Utkhanana* (Excavation of History) authored by former Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa and published by Ayodhya Publications, Bengaluru, will be released tomorrow (Oct. 25) at 5.30 pm at Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre) at the premises of Kalamandira in the city.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, actor and theatre director Prakash Belavadi and Aditya Adhikaari Hospital's Dr. Chandrashekar will be present during the release of the book.

'Satyavanne Heluththene,' written and directed by Cariappa, is produced by Rangabhoomi Trust, Kodagu. The play will be staged from Oct. 28 to 31 at 6.30 pm at Kiru Rangamandira.



A scene from the play 'Satyavanne Heluththene.'

Ex-Minister B.N. Bachegowda

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S. Palaiah appears

In a fresh development this morning, former Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) of Mysuru, S. Palaiah appeared before the Lokayukta for questioning.

Last week, the Lokayukta Police had served a notice to Palaiah, who in 2004 had signed documents related to MUDA transactions, asking him to appear for questioning. **After he failed to comply, a second notice was issued. Palaiah finally appeared at around 11:15 am today and was escorted to the second floor of the Lokayukta SP Office on Dewan's Road for interrogation. He was questioned for over two hours till about 1 pm.**

The scam has involved several high-ranking officials, including former Mysuru Deputy Commissioner and current Raichur MP G. Kumar Naik, who has already been questioned by the Lokayukta. Two former MUDA Commissioners, Dr. D.B. Natesh and G.T. Dinesh Kumar, are also expected to be summoned for questioning soon.

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Adding further fuel to the investigation, Lokayukta sources have confirmed that notices will soon be issued to two high-profile individuals: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah (Accused 1) and his wife Parvathi (Accused 2).

The Lokayukta team is currently deliberating whether to summon them to the office in Mysuru or conduct the inquiry at their residence. While no official notices have yet been served to the Chief Minister and his wife, Lokayukta SP Udesh assured that this step will be taken soon, based on the investigation's progress.

Kesare land: B.N. Bachegowda wrote a note to his Secretary

Mysuru, Oct. 24 (BLU&BCT)- The 14 sites in Vijayanagar Third and Fourth Stages were allegedly granted to B.M. Parvathi after MUDA acquired her 3.16-acre land at Kesare (Survey No. 464) without following proper land acquisition procedures.

This land had been gifted to Parvathi by her brother, B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy, who had originally purchased it from J. Devaraju.

While issuing a clarification on the land deal, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah told reporters at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on July 26, 2024 that the preliminary notification was issued on 18-09-1992 to acquire the land in Kesare.

However, it does not appear to be settled for many years. Then, Devaraju wrote an application on 13.08.1996 to release his lands from land acquisition.

The final notification of the land at Kesare was made on 20.08.1997. Based on Devaraju's application, the then Urban Development Minister B.N. Bachegowda, who reviewed the petition, wrote a note to his Principal Secretary. Based on this note, a letter was sent to MUDA.

On 24.07.1997, MUDA passed a resolution to exclude this land from land acquisition. On 30.08.1997 the Commissioner of MUDA recommended to the Secretary to Government to release the said lands from land acquisition.

A committee headed by the then Revenue Secretary V. Balasubramanian reviewed and de-notified the land along with 18 other such cases across the State. **In MUDA, since 1984, a total of 235.30 acres of land in 13 layouts has been relinquished from land acquisition, clarified the CM at his press briefing.**

Devaraju applied on 13.8.1996. The Urban Development Department wrote a letter to the MUDA Commissioner on 3.9.1996 asking for a report. Accordingly, on 30.8.1997, MUDA gave a report to the Government.

After that, under the chairmanship of Balasubramanian, the then Government decided to give up land acquisition in about 19 areas of the State and accordingly, **on 18.5.1998, the State Government gave up possession,** Siddaramaiah stated, ruling out any illegalities in the Kesare land.

Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar awardees

Jayaprakash Dr. Latha Satish

Mysuru, Oct. 24- Mandya's Karnataka Sangha President Prof.B. Jayaprakash Gowda, noted poetess and novelist of the city Dr. Latha Rajashekar and Spandana Cultural Council President T. Satish Javaregowda, have been selected for 'Rajarshi Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar' award given by the city's Kuvempu Kalaniketana Samsthe.

The three will be conferred the award during Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti and Cultural fest to take place at Jaganmohan Palace in the city at 4 pm on Oct. 27, according to a press release issued by the Kalaniketana President Kuvempu Prakash.

Years of preparation must to climb Mount Everest: Dr. Usha Hegde

Mysuru, Oct.24 (SPN&TRR)- "Age is no barrier for achievement and it is also important to have the cooperation of family members to achieve in life," opined Professor of JSS Medical College Dr. Usha Hegde who successfully climbed Mount Everest recently.

She was speaking after being felicitated at a programme organised to honour achievers from various fields at Dhvanyaloka on Bogadi Road in the city recently. The function was organised by Lotus and Lillies Extravaganza organisation.

"Years of preparations is needed to climb Mount Everest and this achievement was not a cakewalk for me. To start with, I began training at base camp situated at the height of 17,598 feet. In the second stage, I had to reach Camp-1 at 19,685 feet and prepare myself for the next stage. The difficult and dangerous phase of conquering Everest actually starts from here. From there, I reached Camp-2 (21,000 feet), Camp-3 (23,625) and Camp-4(26,085 feet) and finally conquered Mount Everest (29,029 feet)," said Dr. Usha Hegde.

Continuing, she said that apart from her teaching profession, she has engaged herself in sporting activities and has participated in several marathons held at Mumbai and Bengaluru. "I am happy that there are many other women who have also achieved in their chosen fields. The co-operation of my family members was pivotal in my achievements," she concluded.

Principal of Sarada Vilas College Dr. M. Devika, retired professor Prof. A. Shashikala, artists Sumithra Putty, Dr. Radha Mallappa, Dancer Dr. Nandana Krishnakumar, Painter Vijaya, Ayurveda Doctor Dr. V. Smitha and Hema Shashikumar were also felicitated.

Lotus and Lillies Extravaganza Head Sandhya Manjunath, Convenor Sumana Urs, office-bearers Sharada Ramachandra, Poornima, Lotus Raghavendra Patil and Shashikala were present.

DSS protests for implementation of caste census report

Mysuru, Oct.24 (GA&TRR)-Activists of District Dalit Sangharsha Samiti (DSS) staged a protest in front of Deputy Commissioner's office in the city on Tuesday demanding that the State Government should accept and implement the caste census report and increase the reservation slab for Dalits and Backward Classes from the existing 50% to 75%.

"Dalits, Advasis, Nomadics, Backward Classes and minorities and other exploited sections of the society who together form a majority population in the state, are fighting for social justice for decades. But the caste based party politics in the State was preventing the welfare and development of these neglected sections of the society," alleged the protesters.

Continuing, DSS activists said that immediately after the caste census report was accepted by the government, leaders of some castes, political parties and organisations have expressed their resentment and are opposing its implementation which is very disappointing and DSS strongly condemns it. We urge the State Government of take a firm stand in favour of social justice, added the DSS activists.

They further said that, the State Government, by raising the reservation cap from 50% to 75% for SC/St and other Backward Classes, must become a model State in the country for taking a firm stand on social justice and concluded by appreciating the Congress Government for trying to improve the conditions of the neglected sections of the society by formulating policies for their welfare. District DSS Convener Bettaiah Kote, Alagodu Shivakumar, Shambhulingaswamy, Hegganur Ningaraju, Prema, Mahadevamma and others participated in the protest.

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FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service
16586	Murudeshwar	KSR Bengaluru	3.45 am	6.15 am	Daily
12610	Mysuru	Chennai	5.00 am	7.50 am	Daily
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	5.20 am	8.00 am	Monday
17326	Mysuru	Belagavi	5.40 am	8.40 am	Daily
20663	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	6.00 am	7.45 am	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
06256	Mysuru	Bengaluru	6.10 am	9.15 am	Daily
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	6.45 am	9.35 am	Daily
22687	Mysuru	Varanasi	7.30 am	9.55 am	Tue & Thu
20623	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	8.20 am	10.50 am	Daily
07345	Chamarajanagar	KSR Bengaluru	9.05 am	12.50 pm	Daily Passenger
19668	Mysuru	Udaipur	10.00 am	12.10 pm	Thu [Humsafar Exp]
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30 am	12.55 pm	Thu & Sat
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30 am	1.35 pm	Friday
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.45 pm	4.35 pm	Daily
20608	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	1.05 pm	2.50 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	1.25 pm	4.30 pm	Daily
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	1.45 pm	5.00 pm	Daily Passenger
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	2.15 pm	4.15 pm	Daily Except Wed
20659	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	2.50 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	3.15 pm	5.40 pm	Daily
16535	Mysuru	Pandharpur	3.45 pm	6.25 pm	Daily
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	4.15 pm	6.45 pm	Daily
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	4.55 pm	8.20 pm	Daily
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	6.20 pm	8.55 pm	Daily
06237	Mysuru	Manamadurai	6.35 pm	9.15 pm	Mon
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	6.50 pm	9.40 pm	Daily
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	7.10 pm	10.10 pm	Tue & Thu
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	7.30 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
06526	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	7.50 pm	11.05 pm	Daily
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	8.15 pm	10.50 pm	Wednesday
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	9.00 pm	11.45 pm	Daily
06269	Mysuru	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	9.50 pm	12.45 am	Daily
06560	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	10.25 pm	1.15 am	Daily
22135	Mysuru	Renigunta	11.00 pm	1.30 am	Friday
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	11.45 pm	2.00 am	Sunday

DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

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06270	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	Mysuru	12.15 am	4.30 am	Daily
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	12.55 am	3.20 am	Thursday
22817	Howrah	Mysuru	1.03 am	3.25 am	Sunday
06559	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	2.05 am	5.15 am	Daily Passenger
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	4.00 am	6.40 am	Daily
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	4.30 am	7.00 am	Daily
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	5.05 am	8.20 am	Daily
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	5.25 am	7.45 am	Friday
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	5.45 am	8.35 am	Daily
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	6.00 am	8.50 am	Daily
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	6.35 am	9.30 am	Daily
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	7.15 am	10.20 am	Daily
16536	Solapur	Mysuru	8.00 am	10.45 am	Daily
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	8.20 am	11.45 am	Daily
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	8.35 am	11.15 am	Daily
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	9.15 am	1.30 pm	Daily Passenger
20607	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.15 am	12.20 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.45 am	1.00 pm	Daily Except Wed
20660	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	1.15 pm	4.00 pm	Wed & Fri
19667	Udaipur	Mysuru	1.30 pm	4.40 pm	Wed [Humsafar Exp]
20624	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	1.50 pm	4.20 pm	Daily
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	3.15 pm	5.45 pm	Daily
07346	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	3.35 pm	6.35 pm	Daily Passenger
06525	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	4.45 pm	7.40 pm	Daily Passenger
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	5.15 pm	8.00 pm	Thursday
17325	Belagavi	Mysuru	5.45 pm	8.40 pm	Daily
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	6.15 pm	9.05 pm	Daily
22688	Varanasi	Mysuru	6.35 pm	10.00 pm	Mon & Sat
06255	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	7.00 pm	10.15 pm	Daily
12609	Chennai	Mysuru	8.00 pm	10.50 pm	Daily
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	8.25 pm	11.15 pm	Daily Except Friday
20664	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	9.30 pm	11.30 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
22136	Renigunta	Mysuru	11.15 pm	1.35 am	Saturday
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	11.50 pm	2.15 am	Tue & Sun

TOWARDS HASSAN, ARSIKERE, SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANGERE, HAVERI, HUBBALLI, DADAR, NEW DELHI & BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	6.00 am	1.25 pm	Daily
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	6.15 am	5.45 am (next day)	Sunday (Mysuru)
06268 (Exp)	Mysuru	Arsikere	6.30 am	10.25 am	Daily
16208	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	7.15 am	10.10 am (Hassan)	Daily
16225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15 am	4.40 pm	Daily
16222	Mysuru	Talguppa	2.00 pm	11.00 pm	Daily
06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	5.45 pm	10.00 pm	Daily
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	7.30 pm (Fri)	6.45 pm (Sun)	Friday
17301	Mysuru	Belagavi	9.30 pm	8.45 am	Daily
16585	Mysuru	Murdeshwar	11.35 pm	12.55 am	Daily
17302	Belagavi	Mysuru	6.00 pm	5.55 am	Daily
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.00 pm	9.25 am	Daily
16226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.15 am	4.50 pm	Daily
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06267	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.30 pm	9.15 pm	Daily
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	9.30 pm	10.00 pm (next day)	Thursday (Dadar)
16221	Talguppa	Mysuru	6.15 am	3.35 pm	Daily
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	2.50 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	5.10 am (Mon)	2.20 am (Wed)	Monday
16586	Murdeshwar	Mysuru	2.10 pm	3.30 am	Daily

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16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	7.20 am (Mys)	9.10 am	Daily
06233	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	8.20 am	10.10 am	Daily Passenger
06300	Mysuru	Nanjangud	9.15 am	10.05 am	Daily
06276	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	12.00 pm	1.45 pm	Daily
06543	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	3.45 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
07346	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	6.40 pm	8.40 pm	Daily
07345	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	7.15 am	9.00 am	Daily
06299	Nanjangud	Mysuru	10.40 am	11.30 am	Daily
06234	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	10.40 am	12.30 pm	Daily Passenger
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	3.30 pm	4.45 pm	Daily
06275	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	5.25 pm	7.15 pm	Daily
06544	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	8.45 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
07328	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	9.30 pm	11.10 pm	Daily Passenger

Conduct 'Quality Assurance, Control' on NH-275 pronto

File photo of Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer inspecting the retaining wall on NH-275.

By V.N. Prasad

Following are my observations with reference to the news item titled ***'Bent sections of retaining wall rectified on NH-275 in Mandya'*** published in *Star of Mysore* dated Oct. 20.

V.N. Prasad

Right from 'Day One' while driving along the Service Roads, I observed the phenomenon called bulging of sidewalls; termed "Reinforced Earth Walls" (abbreviated as RE Walls) in Highway Engineering terms.

Such RE walls are constructed on either sides to hold the road in between, against lateral collapse. RE walls facilitate economical ascent and descent of a highway to provide for an underpass. Needless to add that such RE walls on either side need sustained stability and absolute geometrics.

I am aghast at the term 'maintenance' of the RE walls, so early in the life of NH-275. I give reasons in the following bullet points for easy understanding of readers; to substantiate my views.

1. RE walls comprise prefabricated concrete slabs that can be of any shape like square, rectangle etc. They ought to be assembled on either side qualitatively in geometrics and sustainability.

2. The challenge is to assemble individual slabs in a line and in an absolute vertical plane, to serve as retaining walls. While it is cheaper than conventional retaining walls, it requires expertise and strict supervision; as the works are an integral part of earthworks.

3. The precast slabs on either side are strapped or tied with steel or polymer ropes and tensioned till line and verticality of RE slabs are perfectly in alignment in horizontal and vertical planes and locked for stability. Suitable 'eyes' are provided in the slabs to pass the tensioners; across the width. Therefore, the lines and verticality of every RE slab is directly related to how accurately they are strapped from end to end. They are not slabs in isolation.

4. From the first layer of earthworks, assembly of RE wall slabs, strapping, tensioning and locking are all stagewise operations that need precision, under strict supervision and documentation.

5. It needs time and expertise to align the slabs, tension strands, ensure accuracy, lock and permit further layers of earthworks. Such aligned and locked RE slabs shall not undergo distortion while further works are in progress. This is intricate and that was apparently lacking here.

6. Unless procedures are adopted to ensure error-free construction, such situations will crop up or bound to crop, as is the case now.

7. It looks laughable that a bunch of engineers gather around politicians to say that maintenance works are stringent. No Sir. This is a construction fault. 'band aid ' will not help.

8. Driving rods and locking from the wall side will not help. And, God save your engineering knowledge of highways.

Defects on the highway are not only the bulging of RE walls but also the riding/driving surface of the NH. Several stretches are patched very roughly. Thuds appear all of a sudden. Undulations are umpteen, backfill of a few structures are insufficient in compaction etc.

I have already said this before and don't mind repeating a million times. AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials), was constituted in the US to plan, engage in designs, enlist competent contracting agencies, invite tenders, award contracts, engage Project Management Consultants (PMCs), document the entire contract procedurally and hand over the highway to the government". PMCs assume and own projects with full responsibilities.

Governments identify projects, allocate funds and invite AASHTO to deliver the end product. There is absolutely no interference by the government, except for receiving periodic reports, cost variations etc. But, in India, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) seems to be relying upon deputies from the Ministry of Transport with a bureaucratic mindset that doesn't augur well.

And a word of advice to our politicians. Engage with the PMCs, understand problems and insist upon quality rather than pushing irrationally for progress. I know for sure that umpteen engineers skip procedures and push for progress to be in your good books. And, bulging of RE walls in Mandya is one tribute to your actions

Therefore, QAC (Quality Assurance and Control) is the key. Unless urgent measures are initiated by the governments to improve upon the very thought and approach to mega projects like Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, we will keep seeing pictures in newspapers with absolute absurd and illogical conversations with the engineers. God save our country.

[The author is a Design Engineer & Project Management Consultant, Roads (Retd.)]

Foundation laid for new entrance gate of St. Joseph's Cathedral

Mysuru, Oct. 24 (KS) - The foundation for the new entrance gate of St. Joseph's Cathedral, (St. Philomena's Church), was laid in the presence of the Arch Bishop Emeritus and the Apostolic Administrator of Mysore Diocese Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras, Vicar General of Mysore Diocese Rev. Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca, Financial Administrator Rev. Fr. Sebastian Alexander, Chancellor Rev. Fr. Joseph Packiaraj, Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Cathedral Rev. Fr. Staney D' Almeda and Director of Light House Poles Pvt. Ltd, Dwaraka India, manufacturer of the decorative and ornamental entrance gate M.A. Napoleon.

The new wider entrance is being constructed as the small gate which is right opposite to the Church is congested and causing jams during entry and exit of tourist vehicles from the Church. Also, St. Joseph's Cathedral, which is world famous, was not having an aesthetic and convenient entrance gate. Hence, St. Joseph's Cathedral needed a proper entrance gate with security accommodation and decorative elements.

This new gate will also enhance the security of the magnificent Cathedral. St. Philomena's Church is unique because, it is the tallest in the country and the second tallest in Asia. The Church is modelled after the Cologne Cathedral in Germany.

The new gate of St. Joseph's Cathedral (St. Philomena's Shrine) will stand as a beacon of hope and connection, beckoning all who pass through its threshold to experience the beauty and warmth of Faith and Love towards the Creator.

The entrance gate work is expected to be completed by December this year, according to Church authorities.

Toastmasters Centenary Marathon on Oct. 27

Mysuru, Oct. 24 (GA&KS) - As Toastmasters International is celebrating 100 years of Integrity, Respect, Service and Excellence, Mysore Toastmasters has organised 'Toastmasters Centenary Marathon' on Oct. 27 (Sunday) from 6 am at SJCE in city.

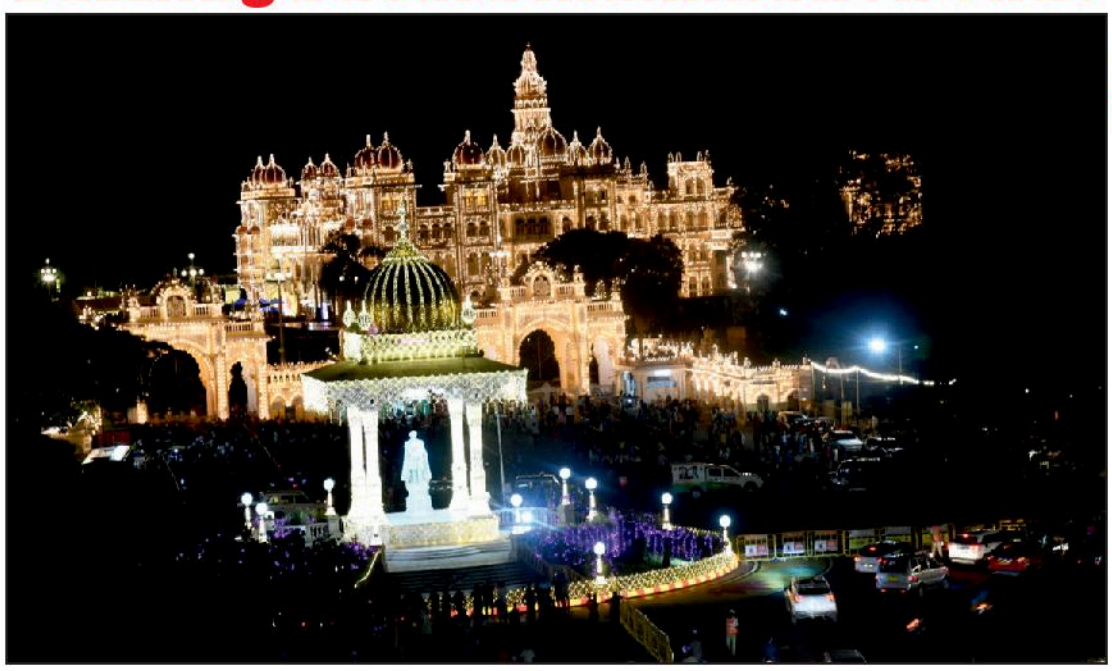
Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, organisation head L. Srihari said that this is not just a marathon but an event to encourage opportunities in health, harmony, personal achievements, community spirit and networking.

Pointing out that the organisation is working towards training youths to develop leadership qualities, Srihari said that students can become members of Toastmasters Club and avail the training.

The Marathon will be held in three categories: 3 km run for juniors (for both boys and girls in the age group of 13 to 17 years); 7 km run for seniors (for men and women in the age group of 18 to 44 years) and for veterans aged above 45 years.

For registration, log on to *www.marathon.mysoretoastmastersclub.com* or e-mail: *toastmastersmarathon@gmail.com* or call Mob: 94834-77887.

Dazzling Dasara illumination ends



Mysuru, Oct. 24 (PM&BCT)- Mysuru's enchanting Dasara illumination came to a close last night, marking the end of a dazzling display that has bathed the city in festive lights.

The electrifying spectacle, executed by Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), captivated lakhs of spectators, injecting a vibrant festive spirit into the hearts of residents and tourists alike.

The youth especially embraced the illuminated celebrations, flooding social media with reels, selfies, and photos. Last evening was the final chance to revel in this visual feast, as crowds once again thronged the streets, with many opting for open-top vehicle rides to capture the last glimpse.

Though traffic remained smooth, a significant crowd gathered to enjoy the final moments, knowing they'll have to wait until Dasara 2025 to relive this atmosphere.

Stretching over 130 kilometres, the illumination included intricate displays around the Mysore Palace, with over 65 artistic creations crafted from lights attracting immense attention.

Since its launch on Oct. 3, the city's electric decorations have mesmerised lakhs of visitors. The lights were switched off at 10 pm, signalling the official end of the Dasara festivities.

Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation's (KSTDC) Ambaari double-decker bus tour, designed for sightseeing illuminated city, saw a notable surge in demand during the fest.

This year's light decorations were not only visually stunning but also prioritised safety, with no reported electrical incidents. The 21-day illumination was inaugurated at the Hasiru Chappara on Sayyaji Rao Road.

From open cars to two-wheelers and foot traffic, countless individuals flocked to enjoy the city aglow. Each evening, as the clock neared 7 pm, the city streets came alive with excitement as the lights began to glow.

PALACE ILLUMINATION ALSO CONCLUDES

The magnificent Mysore Palace illumination, which lit up nightly from 7 pm to 9 pm during Dasara festivities, also came to an end last night.

While the Palace will continue to be illuminated on select special occasions, the breathtaking combination of Palace and city lights can only be experienced again during next year's Dasara festivities.

ENCOURAGING RESPONSE

"The scale of this year's electric decoration is truly a remarkable feat. We have accomplished great things. Even Chief Minister Siddaramaiah enjoyed the view from the Ambaari bus and was highly pleased. Millions have flocked to see these light displays, which serves as a great encouragement to our efforts," said K.M. Munigopalraju, Technical Director, CESC.

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Nadabrahma Sangeeta Sabha brings two grand Veena concerts this weekend

Vidu. Emani Lalitha Krishna

Vidu. Padma Ravishankar

Vidu. Kasi Vishalakshi

Vid. Dilip Simha

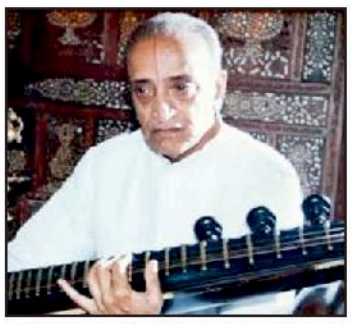
Vid. Phanindra Sharma Anoor

Mysuru, Oct. 24- Sri Nadabrahma Sangeeta Sabha, Mysuru, brings two grand Veena concerts this weekend.

On Oct. 26, Vidu. Emani Lalitha Krishna will present a Karnatak classical veena recital at 6 pm. She will be accompanied on mridanga by **Vid. Nikshit Puttur** and on ghata by **Vid. Srinidhi R. Kaundinya.**

Profile: Emani Lalitha Krishna is a distinguished artiste graded 'A' in both Veena and Chitraveena categories of the AIR. She has been featured on Veena in The National Programme of Music and in the Sangeeta Sammelan concert on Chitraveena.

Trained initially by her grandfather Meduri Narasimha Rao and mother Lakshmi Somayajulu,


Dr. Mysore V. Doreswamy Iyengar

she had her higher lessons from famed artistes Vid. Annavarapu Ramaswamy and Vid. N. Ravikiran, with whom she gives duet concerts. She had accompanied Dr. M. Balamurali Krishna's vocal on the veena.

On Oct. 27, the Sabha will be celebrating 104th birth anniversary programmes of *Sangeeta Kalanidhi, Padma Bhushana* **Dr. Mysore V. Doreswamy Iyengar.**

At 10 am, **Vid. A. Dilip Simha** will give a vocal concert with **Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar** on violin, **Vid. Sai Shiv Lakshmikeshav** on mridanga and **Vid. Y.P. Vikram Bharadwaj** on morching. At 11.30 am, **Vid. Phanindra Sharma Anoor** will render a vocal concert with the same accompaniment.

At 6 pm, **Vidu. Kasi Vishalakshi** will be conferred the title 'Vainika Brahma' followed by her veena duet concert with **Vidu. Pappu Padma Ravishankar.** They will be accompanied on mridanga by **Vid. Sunil Subramanya** and on ghata by **Vid. Shamit Gowda.**

Profile: Kasi Vishalakshi has been captivating audiences with her soulful music for over three decades. Hailing from a family of musicians, she has been winning laurels through her journey since childhood and has also been graded as 'A Top' artiste of AIR and Doordarshan. She trained under Dr. V. Doreswamy Iyengar and C. Krishnamurthy.

A recipient of several awards, she exhibits the sober tonal qualities of the rich Mysore Bani and Vijayanagaram school with emphasis on sahityam and bhava in her rendering. She has collaborated with Sangeeta Kalanidhi Nedanuri Krishnamurthy for the background score of Annamacharya kritis, has led several Panchaveena concerts and performed a number of 'Veena-Venu-Violin set of concerts.

Vidu. Padma Ravishankar is a versatile musician adept at Veena and vocal music. She is an 'A' grade artiste of All India Radio, Vishakapatnam. Her experience as a vocalist, combined with the distinct fingering technique she inherited, makes the listeners feel as if she is singing through the veena. She has been training several students in India and abroad, some of whom have achieved great heights.

As the Head of the Department at BVK College, Vishakapatnam, she was instrumental in the development of the Department of Music. She has a music career spanning over five decades.

Music-lovers and connoisseurs may attend the concerts.

—Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Intl. Nirantara Kalemane Fest from Oct. 25

Bharatanatyam dancers with Guru Dr. K. Kumar of Kumar Performing Arts Centre, Mysuru.

Mysuru, Oct. 24- The city-based **Kumar Performing Arts Centre** has completed 36 glorious years and is stepping into its 37th year. To mark this occasion, the Centre is organising a Grand Dance Festival as part of the 45th, 46th and 47th 'International Nirantara Kalemane Festival' at its Kalemane Sabhangana in Hebbal from Oct. 25 to 27.

During these three days, 15 individuals who have made notable contributions in their respective fields will be honoured with 'Kalemane Kalashree' Awards.

Over 200 dancers from various parts of the country will be showcasing diverse dance performances during the fest.

Additionally, on Oct. 27, the '4th International Kalemane Bharatanatyam Dance Competition' will be held, where participants from several States will compete with each other.

'Kalemane Kalashree' Award recipients are as follows: Amshi Prasanna Kumar, Journalism, Mysuru; Maruti Badiger, Cultural Organiser, Raichur; M. Gopal, Bharatanatyam, Sagara; M.R. Anand Raj Urs, Bharatanatyam, Mysuru; Dr. Padmashree, Bharatanatyam, Mysuru; K.S. Shaila, Bharatanatyam, Mandya; S.M. Sharath, Bharatanatyam, Mysuru; Suryanarayana Murthy, Bharatanatyam, Chennai; D. Manjula, Bharatanatyam, Bengaluru; Kalamandalam Sreeja R. Krishnan, Mohiniyattam, Chennai; Vidushi Saloni Jagadish, Bharatanatyam, Bengaluru; Vidwan Guruprasad, Karnataka Classical Musician, Mysuru; Shubha Dhananjay, Bharatanatyam and President, Karnataka Sangeet Nritya Academy, Bengaluru; Shamal Pawar, Bharatanatyam, Mumbai and Dr. Ronika J. Christie, Bharatanatyam, Chennai.

On Oct. 25 at 4.30 pm, the 45th International Nirantara Kalemane Fest will begin with a Bharatanatyam feature titled "Nrutyarpanam" by the students of Kumar Performing Arts Centre, choreographed and directed by *Karnataka Kalashree* Dr. K. Kumar.

On Oct. 26 at 2.30 pm, during the 46th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival performances will be presented by the following troupes:

Suryanarayana Murthy, Chennai; Manjula Jagadish and team, Bengaluru; Vidushi Saloni Jagadish and team, Bengaluru; Vidwan M. Gopal and team, Sagara; Students of Kumar Performing Arts Centre; Mohiniyattam by Sreeja R. Krishnan, Chennai.

On Oct. 27, the 47th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival and the 4th International Kalemane Bharatanatyam Competition will be held. The competition will be inaugurated at 9.30 am by Vidwan Guruprasad, Mysuru, Vidwan Girish Puttur, Natya Kalaymani C. Chandrakumar Chidambaram and Vidwan Vikas Shanmukh Tumkur.

At 2.30 pm, the 47th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival will be officially inaugurated by Shubha Dhananjay, followed by performances from Shamal Pawar and team; Dr. Ronika Christie and team; Vidu. H.R. Archana and team, Bengaluru; Vidu. Archana - Vidu.Chetana, Bengaluru; Kumari J. K. Raahini, Bengaluru. Entry is free for all the three-day dance programmes.

MOVIE LOVERS

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  Martin (K) - 4 Shows
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  Viswam (Te) - 4 Shows
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  Simha Roopini (K) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Martin (K)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 1.10 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-4)	4.05 pm, 10.05 pm
Vettaiyan (Ta)	(S-1)	4.05 pm, 10.05 pm
	(S-4)	12.55 pm, 7 pm
Vettaiyan (K)	(S-2)	4 pm
The Wild Robot (E-3D)	(S-2)	10.50 am, 7.30 pm, 9.55 pm
Jigra (H)	(S-2)	1 pm
Murphy (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 7.10 pm
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Anna (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Bougainvillea (Ma)	(S-3)	10 pm
Simha Roopini (K)	(S-4)	10.25 am

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Murphy (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Prakarana Tanikha Hanthadallide (K)	(S-1)	4.20 pm
Love Reddy (Te)	(S-1)	6.30 pm
Vettaiyan (Ta)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
	(S-3)	1.25 pm, 4.25 pm
	(S-4)	6.45 pm
Martin (K)	(S-1)	9.30 pm; (S-3) 7.25 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 4 pm, 9.30 pm

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Martin (K)	:	9.05 am, 12.50 pm, 3.40 pm 7 pm, 10.15 pm
Vettaiyan (Ta)	:	9.25 am, 12.15 pm 6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Jigra (H)	:	9.35 am, 2.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Bougainvillea (Ma)	:	10 am, 4.30 pm, 9.45 pm
The Wild Robot (E-3D)	:	10 am, 3.15 pm, 5.40 pm 8.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video (H)	:	11.40 am, 6.15 pm
Smile 2 (E)	:	12.25 pm, 7.30 pm
Devara - Part 1 (K)	:	1 pm
Devara - Part 1 (Te)	:	10.20 pm
Sir (Ta)	:	3.45 pm
Love Reddy (Te)	:	4 pm
Singham (H)	:	6.40 pm

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Vettaiyan (Ta)	:	12.15 pm, 3.40 pm 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Porki (K)	:	1.05 pm
Prakarana Tanikha Hantadallide (K)	:	4.20 pm
Murphy (K)	:	6.35 pm
Maantrika (K)	:	9.30 pm

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Martin (K)	:	9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm 6.50 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm
Vettaiyan (Ta)	:	9.45 am, 2.10 pm, 5.35 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	10.30 am
Bougainvillea (Ma)	:	11.10 am, 7.20 pm
The Wild Robot (E-3D)	:	11.10 am, 4.40 pm, 7.05, 9.30 pm
Jigra (H)	:	1.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video (H)	:	1.35 pm
Murphy (K)	:	4.25 pm

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Maantrika (K)	:	10.35 am
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.20 am
The Wild Robot (E-3D)	:	12.45 pm, 6.35 pm, 9 pm
Prakarana Tanikha Hantadallide (K)	:	4.40 pm
Bougainvillea (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 24)

- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Dolls Show by K.S. Raghavendra, a 75-year-old artist from city, 'Inchara Kalakshetra,' 149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagara 2nd Stage, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, **10 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP), Mysuru:** 20th Edition of Bombe Mane — Display of exquisite dolls from across India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, No. 91, 1st Floor, above Aamrapali Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Silk India:** Expo-cum-sale of silk sarees, handwoven cotton sarees, jewellery, including silver, kundan, meenakari, handwoven fabrics and much more, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Gemini Circus:** 3 shows at Horse Park, near Karanji Lake, **1 pm, 4 pm & 7 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru:** Gita Jnana Yajna, Recital of 'Sri Ganga Stotram', Chinmaya Mission premises, Sri Gurudeva Dutta Sannidhi, Gokulam 3rd Stage, 6th Main Road, **7 am to 8 am;** Recital of Vishnu Sahasranamam, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Swami Adityananda delivers discourse on 'Jnana-Vijnana Yoga – 7th Chapter of Bhagavad Gita,' Ramana Jnana Kendra, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Uttaradi Mutt's Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra, Srirampura:** Discourse on Mahabharata (Adiparva) by noted scholar Sri Sreenivasateerthacharya Hebbur, Kendra premises, Srirampura, **6 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Panache-House of N&M:** Fashion and luxury expo, Grand Mercure Hotel, New Sayyaji Rao Road, **upto 8.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 25)

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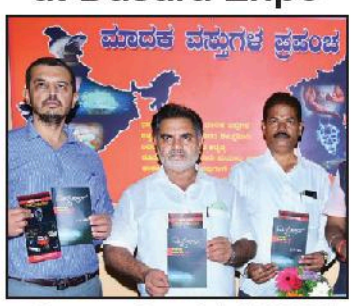
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Sneha Sinchana Trust, Mysuru**: Prize distribution to winners of Dasara Navarathri Utsava — Samskruthi Sinchana Award, Bhavayana Geetha Gayana, Navaratri Gombe contests, Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture Department Dr. M.D. Sudarshan and Vijaya Vittala PU College Principal H. Sathyaprasad inaugurates; Social worker Sushila Shyamasundar and Hiriya Nagarikara Yogakshema Kendra President Maleyuru Prabhuswamy, chief guests; Social worker K. Raghuram Vajapayee and District Brahmins Association President D.T. Prakash will present Samskruthi Sinchana Award; Trust President M.N. Latha Mohan will deliver keynote address; Samskruthi Sinchana awardees — Saraswathi Srimanthrao, Lakshmi Shivaram, Indrani Shankar, Uma Nanjundaiah and Latha Hegde, cultural programmes by Swara Raga Laya Sangeetha Kendra, Mysuru, led by Hemalatha Kumaraswamy, Uma Nanjundaiah and troupe, Vijaya Vittala College premises, Saraswathipuram, **4.30 pm.**
- **Swaramrutha Melodies:** 'Gaganavu Yello Bhoomiyu Yello' musical night, rendering famous film songs by S. Janaki and K.S. Chitra by city singers, Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Ayodhya Publications:** Release of book 'Satyavanne Heluththene' authored by former Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, theatre director Prakash Belavadi and Aditya Adhikaari Hospital's Dr. Chandrashekar, chief guests, Kiru Rangamandira, Kalamandira premises, **5.30 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru:** Gita Jnana Yajna, Recital of 'Sri Ganga Stotram', Chinmaya Mission premises, Sri Gurudeva Dutta Sannidhi, Gokulam 3rd Stage, 6th Main Road, **7 am to 8 am;** Recital of Vishnu Sahasranamam, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Swami Adityananda delivers discourse on 'Jnana-Vijnana Yoga – 7th Chapter of Bhagavad Gita,' Ramana Jnana Kendra, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Uttaradi Mutt's Sri Venkateshwara Dhyana Kendra, Srirampura:** Discourse on Mahabharata (Adiparva) by noted scholar Sri Sreenivasateerthacharya Hebbur, Kendra premises, Srirampura, **6 pm to 7 pm.**

State Temperance Board Stall opens at Dasara Expo



Mysuru, Oct. 24 (MK&BS)- Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Ayub Khan opined that it is pertinent to create awareness about the ill-effects of liquor and drugs in the society.

He was speaking after inaugurating the stall of Karnataka State Temperance Board at the Exhibition premises in city recently.

Khan said, in the present situation, it is important to create awareness about the ill-effects of liquor and drugs among the public, especially in the students, who are considered as the future citizens of the country.

The stall of State Temperance Board has been designed in a meaningful manner, with the messages of Mahatma Gandhi and several other prominent personalities of the society, displayed in the stall.

The visitors to the expo should compulsorily visit this stall of Temperance Board and the information gleaned from the exhibits, should be shared among their family members, friends and neighbours, joining hands with the Board in creating awareness against social malaises.

Khan also released a book and leaflets published by the State Temperance Board.

Secretary of the Board Mahesh, Assistant Director of Information and Publicity Department T.K. Harish Kumar and others were present.

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